

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## THE HANDICAP OF THE SUPERVISORS.

Supervisor Shingle's little talk to his colleagues of the board last night, upon the occasion of his last appearance with them, contains much worth thinking over. He deplored the tendency on the part of outsiders to "knock" the board; he declared his confidence that the present membership is capable, and he gave a little paternal advice about sticking together and backing up department heads and committees.

One of his utterances was:

"I know now the responsibilities of an officer of this city and county and you will not find me making any cheap cracks at the board on the street corners. The present condition of the city and county finances is not due to the board of supervisors, or any one of them. It is on account of the law which will not permit Honolulu to grow as it is trying to. We are being compelled to run one of the most progressive cities of its size in the world on the income of a peanut stand. I do not know a city of its size on the mainland that levies its own taxes. I say this that the present knocker of the board of supervisors, be he Republican or Democrat, may know, that it is an injustice to the board members and done without a true knowledge of the conditions under which this board has to work."

Mr. Shingle is probably as well-informed on city and legislative affairs as any man in Honolulu—better informed than nine out of ten. It is impossible to think that he does not know why Honolulu has not the right to levy its own taxes.

The legislature has granted more and more powers to the city of Honolulu and the various counties. It has always manifested a willingness to add responsible functions where the governments had shown themselves capable. It has gone slowly in turning over the taxing power to Honolulu first because of uncertainty as to whether the city should be given this authority on top of many other new functions; secondly because the legislators considered that the present tax law indirectly gave the supervisors control over the tax rate through the budget-making power. In practice city officials have not found this to be the case, but in any event the disposition of the legislature has been to increase city powers as rapidly as the city has proved itself able to handle new obligations. If there has been hesitation in any case, it has been because the legislature was not entirely confident this young municipality was doing a clean-cut job of handling its own affairs.

The present board's record is not likely to create such confidence. It awoke after a year in office to the facts of a heavy deficit, of appropriations made if not legally at least with uncertain authority. It awoke to face a probable deficit throughout the rest of its tenure of office. It awoke—and is now seeking special legislative relief.

When all the facts regarding city finances are brought out, it will probably be found that the city, as Mr. Shingle puts it, is trying to run on the income of a peanut stand. The present board is not to blame for this. What taxpayers may justly charge up against the present board is its failure to grasp the financial situation until after it had operated for a year as if its income would be entirely sufficient. What taxpayers may justly charge up against the present board is the persistence with which it ignored the repeated warnings of the city auditor's reports furnished each member.

There is no disposition to blame Supervisor Shingle. He has served only a short time on the board and his principal duties were with the road committee and not with municipal finances. That he worked very hard is a matter of knowledge and the public appreciates that.

The experience of this board again raises the question whether seven men busy primarily with their private affairs can handle city affairs of the magnitude of Honolulu's. It raises the question whether our form of municipal government is not quite as much to blame—yes, more, than the individuals of the board and the board itself. The personnel of the board is indubitably hard-working and anxious to make a good record, and there is, just as Mr. Shingle remarks, scant chance that seven better men would be chosen by the voters.

Why is it that each board of supervisors is displaced after only two years? Why is it that every two years there is an upheaval in city government? Let the voters ask themselves this question in the light of past experience.

The Star-Bulletin believes that very much of the dissatisfaction the voters have manifested arises from the inherent faults of the municipal structure of government. That is why this paper favors a short-ballot city government, the centralization of responsibility, and the payment of salaries that will allow city officials

to devote their entire time to the public business.

## SETTING THE PACE.

Hilo and the Big Island made the first civic convention such a striking success that it developed from an incident to a territory-wide and permanent movement.

Since then Oahu, Maui and Kauai have had their turns, and now the fifth convention is rolling around, to be held in Hilo September 21-25. That Hilo is just as wide-awake to its opportunity as it was four years ago is shown by the fact that the Big Island leaders are already preparing for the September meeting.

Experience has shown that thorough preparation is necessary if the conventions are to accomplish anything lasting for the progress of the territory. That Hilo is on the move, with almost seven months in which to work, indicates that the Fifth Civic Convention will again find the Crescent City setting the pace.

## ALWAYS MONEY FOR WAR.

Of war loans there is no end. Apparently none of the big powers is anywhere near the end of its financial string. The statistical experts who figured out a year ago that another year of war would bankrupt Germany and send Russia to the wall have been utterly confounded.

Even smaller nations such as Bulgaria, Greece and Serbia can borrow as their needs demand. Russia has just placed a loan of \$25,000,000 with Japanese bankers and will probably double this inside of six months. The operation is really for the purpose of paying in part for the great quantities of war munitions which the Japanese government and private arsenals are furnishing the Russian government.

The loan takes the form of Russian treasury bills in denomination of 5000 and 10,000 yen and the rate of interest is 5 per cent. The bonds are redeemable in one year. The bonds will be issued at the rate of 95. Though the subscription list will be opened to the public, the syndicate of Japanese bankers interested in the loan does not seem to expect general support from the public, believing that the subscribers will be confined to the banking and insurance circles. In consequence an understanding has been reached between the syndicate and the Bank of Japan that the latter will accept the bills as remittance.

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## CORRECT.

"I think if a man wants to serve his city he can do it better as a supervisor at \$50 a month than as a delegate to Congress at \$7500 a year and mileage."

Supervisor Shingle in farewell address to the board last night.

Viewing the matter from the standpoint of Hawaii's recent experiences, the people of the territory will doubtless agree with Mr. Shingle.

Every year or two a story floats down from Hawaii that the Big Islanders are going to get Link Holstein's political goat. And each time Holstein turns up smiling and victorious with his goat intact. That will probably be the case in connection with the territorial convention.

Germany declares the best intentions in her submarine warfare but evidently the submarine commanders haven't been taken into the government's confidence, for they go right along in the way that led to the destruction of the Lusitania.

The readiness with which \$25,000 was subscribed to keep the Great Northern on the Hawaii run is proof that a number of businessmen here know the answer to the question, "What can the Hill line do for Honolulu?"

More power to the U. S. internal revenue office in its campaign against "dope" peddlers. They are dangerous pests and should be stamped out as such.

Nevertheless there are some pessimists who can't be happy until the senate has passed that sugar bill also, and the president has signed it.

An Omaha man says Bryan is not a Democrat. This should increase the chances of Democracy in the national campaign.

To block contraband, Switzerland is trying electricity-charged wires. Wonder if it's on a meter rate!

## LETTERS

HAWAII AND MEXICO.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: It is apparent from the pathetic tone of the "poem" by Mr. Meade in Wednesday's paper that at least one man is unresponsive to the fascination of Hawaii. Undoubtedly inactivity has made him introspective. Let us hope that after he reaches the states via his beloved transport Thom as he will have an opportunity to compare Mexico with the Hawaii that, contrary to her usual custom, has been so inhospitable to him.

Respectfully,  
MARC J. GREENE.

WOULD LIKE CIVILIAN CLOTHES.

Schofield Barracks, March 15.  
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.  
Sir: In reply to the question, "What can we do for soldiers?" we would like to suggest that the citizens of Honolulu form a committee and send a petition to the war department, Washington, D. C., asking permission for the soldiers stationed on Oahu to wear civilian clothes while on pass or in the city of Honolulu.

We think an action of this kind would be appreciated by all, very much more than the gymnasium that Chaplain Fealy suggested.

We sincerely hope this suggestion will at least be considered by the citizens of Honolulu.

Respectfully,  
"PRIVATES AT SCHOFIELD BKS."

## LITTLE INTERVIEWS.

—S. W. ROBBLEY: Well, I'm around again, minus my appendix. They chopped it out two weeks ago yesterday. I'm feeling better, too.

—L. B. REEVES, boarding officer: It's embarcadero, not trocadero. This fancy name for the waterfront. The embarcadero is what they call it in "Frisco."

—MARSHAL J. J. SMIDDY: Some one told me the other day that the roof of the federal court building is due to cave in in about eight days. Aww! I hope it happens after hours.

—JOHN C. ANDERSON: It's funny how some boys dread the thought of being sent to the reform school. I guess this is the reason that there are so few cases of truancy and gambling these days.

—HENRY SMITH: Did you see the fine new filing cabinets which are being installed in the clerk's office in circuit court? Luckily, there is a special appropriation for purchasing supplies and fixtures of that nature.

—J. M. DOWSETT: The Interlock and is certainly delighted at the news that the Big Ditch will be reopened to large vessels by April 15. The canal trip has not done our bunker-coal business any good, and it has hit these islands hard.

—R. B. BOOTH, treasurer, Fred L. Waldron, Ltd.: It's my private opinion that the Spanish, Filipinos and Portuguese who have left here recently for the San Joaquin Valley, California, will be mighty glad to come back to Hawaii before a year is up.

—P. MAURICE McMAHON: There is a lot of healthy exercise and enjoyment in jig dancing. I don't know anything like it to cheer a man up when he has a grouch. Take Irish music for instance, there's a lift in it that sets any person's blood to tingling.

—ALBERT P. TAYLOR: I am very much pleased with the many requests received from prominent mainland magazines for articles on Hawaii. During the past two weeks I have been busy writing articles on Hawaii for 14 magazines and more requests are coming in for material.

—DR. P. E. TROTTER, chief quarantine officer: Speaking of the present rumors over quarantine inspection on boats coming from San Francisco, reminds me that I left my chow dog behind when I came over here. It almost broke up the Trotter family, the dog was such a pet.

—MAURICE GREENLY: I noticed that Japanese women garnered a rich harvest yesterday morning and yesterday picking up broken twigs of trees that had been blown down by the wind during the night. It made me think of that old proverb about it being an ill wind which blows nobody good.

Gen. Carranza has warned officers of the U. S. W. in Mexico that any attempt at carrying out the general strike through Mexico will be met by force.

Rear Admiral Zimmerman of the German navy died at Wilhelmshaven. Jack Johnson has been ordered deported from England. He will go to Buenos Aires.

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## Personal Mention

MRS. J. M. COX left last night for San Francisco on the Great Northern.

JUDGE A. A. WILDER was among the Honolulu contingent leaving on the Great Northern last night.

MISS JUANITA BECKLEY was among the Honolulu contingent leaving on the Great Northern last evening.

MRS. M. W. CASTLE and Miss E. H. Castle were among the Honolulu contingent on the Great Northern last night.

MRS. J. C. CUNNINGHAM is a passenger on the Great Northern, one of the Honolulu contingent on board the big ship.

LORRIN A. THURSTON left here on the Great Northern last night for San Francisco. Mrs. Thurston accompanied him.

JOHN CLARK, head of the Kakaia plantation, left on the Great Northern last night en route to Scotland to join the colors.

MR. AND MRS. J. T. McCROSSON, well-known Honolulu residents, left on the Great Northern last night for a visit on the mainland.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH BARNES and son of this city left last night on the Great Northern for a visit on the mainland.

W. F. HEHLERON left for San Francisco last night in the steamer Great Northern. He expects to spend about a year on his California ranch.

DR. J. KUHN of the medical staff at Queen's hospital, underwent an operation Wednesday for appendicitis. He is said today to be doing nicely.

G. L. COVELL, a well-known Honolulu resident, sailed on the Great Northern last night. Mrs. Covell is with him, also Master Leonard and Miss B. J. Covell.

JOSEPH W. MAUCK, president of Hillsdale College, Michigan, who has been a visitor here for seven weeks, returned with his family on the Great Northern last night.

WILLIAM NICOLI, head carpenter on Ewa plantation, accompanied by Mrs. Nicoli and child, was a passenger last night in the Great Northern, bound for Scotland to enlist for service in the British army.

ARTHUR McDUFFIE, chief of detectives, left last night in the Great Northern for San Francisco, where he will take charge of Pedro Ardezer, now in custody of the San Francisco police, and bring him to Honolulu.

C. S. HERMANN, private secretary to ex-Governor Walsh of Massachusetts, sailed on the Great Northern last night for the mainland. Before leaving he said he hoped to be back before long. Mr. Walsh continues his trip to the Orient.

DR. CHARLES MAYO, the famous surgeon, one of the Mayo Brothers of Rochester, Minnesota, left on the Great Northern last night with Mrs. Mayo, returning to the mainland. They came on the same steamer Monday, to make a short visit here.

ROBERT W. SHINGLE left last night on the Great Northern. He will meet Mrs. Shingle in San Francisco and return to Honolulu with her. Mrs. Shingle has been in Washington during the recent illness and recovery of her sister, Princess Abigail Kawannakoa.

A. C. WHEELER, assistant superintendent of public works, will leave for Hilo Saturday. He is to superintend work on the homestead roads the territory is building on the Big Island and on a number of other jobs under way there. It is expected that he will be gone for several weeks.

STUART WILL BE BOTH JUDGE AND JURY FOR O. A. STEVEN'S TRIAL.

Circuit Judge T. B. Stuart will act both as judge and jury during the trial of O. A. Steven, which is scheduled to begin at 10 o'clock next Monday morning. Four complaints have been brought against Steven, charging that he acted as an emigrant agent without a license and that he attempted to recruit local Filipinos for work on the mainland. A motion by the city attorney's office to detain in Honolulu 11 Filipinos, who were wanted as witnesses in the case, was denied by Judge Stuart.

The finance committee of the Russian Duma has approved the new war loan of 2,000,000,000 rubles.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### BIRTHS

YAMAMURA—In Honolulu, March 14, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Kazumasa Yamamura of 411 N. King street, a daughter, Nireko Yamamura.

FUNADA—In Honolulu, March 15, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Fusakichi Funada of Desha lane, a son.

SHIMAMOTO—In Honolulu, March 1, 1916, to Mr. and Mrs. Yushi Shimamoto of Puuhale street, Japanese, a son, Yoshi Shimamoto.

### MARRIED

CAMPBELL—In Honolulu, March 15, 1916, Walker Camp and Miss Cecilia Ioka, Rev. Father Maximilian A.M. of the Catholic Cathedral officiating. Witnesses—W. Pauchao Miller and Cecilia Miller.

TANAKA-SASAKI—In Honolulu, March 15, 1916, Morito Tanaka, Japanese, age 27, to Uono Sasaki, age 21, of U. S. Immigration Station. Ceremony performed by Rev. Y. Imamura.

SHIGEMURA-KAWABAWA—In Honolulu, March 15, 1916, Shigeyo Shigemura, Japanese, age 29, to Minoru Kawabawa, Japanese, age 29. Ceremony performed by Rev. Y. Imamura.

KURIHARA-YOSHIMOTO—In Honolulu, March 15, 1916, Matsutaro Kurihara, Japanese, of Lihue, Kauai, to Tsuru Yoshimoto of U. S. Immigration Station, Japanese. Ceremony performed by Rev. Y. Imamura.

### DIED

KOK—In Honolulu, March 16, 1916, Kok Moon Wat, of Mainakua street, married, goldsmith, a native of China, 61 years old.

MUN—In Honolulu, March 16, 1916, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mun Chew Chun, of Kahanuwa lane, a native of this city, four years and 21 days old.

CORREA—In Honolulu, March 16, 1916, Louisa, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Correa, of 1661 Luso

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street, a native of this city, seven months old.

MAHOE—In Honolulu, March 16, 1916, J. H. Mahoe of 728 Mokuauia road, Kalihi, 75 years old. Buried in Kawaiahao cemetery.

FUNADA—In Honolulu, March 16, 1916, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Fusakichi Funada of Desha lane, Japanese.

BLANCAS—In Honolulu, March 16, 1916, Emilio Aranda Blancas of Kamehameha IV road, Spanish, male, married, and 47 years of age.

Half frozen and nearly dead, Charles Thomas was rescued from the branches of a tree in the flooded section of Oekaloona, Iowa, where he had clung for many hours.

The steamship Horatio, of New Bedford, Mass., went ashore on the Diamond Shoals, N. C.

## Further price-reduction

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